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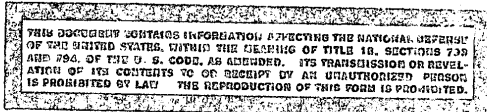
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The following is a evaluated summary of information which has been received on construction work at Vietmannsdorf airfield since June 1952.

The installations here considerably exceed those usually observed at the other airfields within East Germany and indicate that Vietmannsdorf airfield may be used some time in the future by heavy bombers. In June 1952, the VEB Bag Tiefbau Brandenburg was contracted for the construction work and about 1,500 workers were employed. Large-scale clearing work was done in a wooded area, about 4,625 x 1,250 meters. The initial work included the building of a spur track and erecting a fence around the field. Then roads were constructed and rerouted. The significance of the airfield became most noticeable because of the construction of the following installations:

1. Main runway running from west to east, 3,500 meters long, 80 meters wide, with the concrete being 40 cm thick. A taxiway, 21 meters wide, also with the concrete 40 cm thick, running parallel to and south of the runway. Both the runway and taxiway were completed by September 1953.
2. Another runway, about 2,450 meters long, 60 meters wide, with a 40-cm concrete layer, located in a clearing, about 2,800 meters long and 120 meters wide, extends from the western end of the taxiway to the southwest. This runway will also serve as a taxiway to the dispersal areas which are located at its southwestern end. Work on this runway is still under way.
3. Dispersal areas for aircraft and presumably for tank and ammunition trucks are located at the southeastern end of the main runway. Work was completed on these areas in March 1954. The construction of identical dispersal areas at the northwestern end of the main runway is planned.
4. Three fuel dumps, each with a capacity of about 1,600 cbm. One dump was completed in July 1954, construction work on the second dump was started and the construction of the third one was planned. All three are to be completed in 1954.
5. Two ammunition dumps, one completed in June 1954, the other planned.

All installations at the field are scheduled for completion in 1955. It is believed, however, that the field could be utilized this year if the necessity arises.

For sketches of the installations, see Annexes 1 through 5. 1

Annex 1: Layout sketch of the field, scale 1:25,000.

Annex 2: Sketch of the completed ammunition dump, scale 1:12,500.

Annex 3: Sketch of the quartering installations, scale 1:5,000.

Annex 4: Sketch of the dispersal areas at the main runway, scale 1:2,500.

Annex 5: Sketch of the dispersal areas at the southwestern end of the second runway, scale 1:12,500, with detail sketch of one hardstand, scale 1:2,500.

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